Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 19 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Mar 2021 at 03:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for settled conditions over the next few days with the main uncertainty being cloud distribution. Larger uncertainty after the weekend.

Headline for Friday 19 Mar 2021: Poor visibility for most areas, but a gradual improvement likely by late afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	10%	10%	<05%	00%	00%

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Weather: A dull, drizzly start but clearer skies towards Glen Affric with some patchy frost here. Poor visibility will be the main feature of the day but some improvement through afternoon is expected away from the west coast, with Easter Ross likely seeing some late sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% for Glen Affric and, later the eastern ranges. Otherwise virtually no chance especially through morning.

Visibility: Extensive cloud above 200-400m gradually rising 500-700m. Rather hazy or misty below the main cloud base, especially near the west coast. Improving quite widely through afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	22/25 N	19/22 N	12/15 N	11/15 NW	9/12 NW	8/11 NW	12/16 W
900	18/21 N	15/18 N	12/15 N	11/15 NW	9/12 NW	9/12 NW	12/15 W
600	14/17 N	11/14 N	10/13 N	9/13 N	7/10 NW	5/9 W	8/12 W
300	5/18 N	6/15 N	7/12 N	7/14 N	5/12 NW	4/10 NW	5/13 W
Glen	8/18 N	6/13 N	8/13 N	8/13 N	3/7 NW	2/4 NW	4/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-3	3/-2	4/-0	3/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-3
900	3/-2	4/-1	4/0	4/-0	3/-0	3/-1	2/-2
600	5/0	5/2	6/3	6/3	5/3	4/2	4/1
300	5/4	7/5	8/6	8/6	7/6	6/5	6/4
Glen	7/5	9/7	10/9	11/9	9/9	8/7	8/6
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1800m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Best conditions expected towards the Great Glen. Glen temperatures closer to 2C initially under clearer skies in the south. Sunny breaks during afternoon will lead to some sun glare off the remaining snowfields on highest ground.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Weather: Extensive cloud across most ranges, this persistent along the west coast with patchy drizzle. Some breaks across the more sheltered east, mainly through morning. A band of light rain (snow above 800m) will sink southwards through evening.

Maximum wind: West 15-20mph increasing 25-30 gusting up to 40mph from late morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% across the east through morning, otherwise 10% at best.

Visibility: Cloud becoming extensive and persistent above 200-300m in west and 400-600m in east. Remaining rather hazy below the cloud in the west, especially as rain and drizzle set in later, but much improved in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-5C rising to 6-8C.
At 800m: 1 or 2C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 800-100m from the north after dark.

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